THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Based on the information available for the years 1993-94 to 1997-98, the NHRC admitted 21,037 cases, of which 7,094 cases related to criminal behaviour by the police.

(b) The "Police" is a State subject as per the Constitution of India. It is essentially the responsibility of the State Governments to ensure that the police personnel conduct themselves in a human manner. The Union of India has been issuing guidelines to the State Governments, from time to time, to ensure that cases of alleged police excesses especially against the weak and the down trodden are taken serious note of and dealt with promptly and firmly. Human Rights as a subject has also been introduced in the training curricula of the police personnel.

(c) and (d) The National Police Commission (NPC) submitted eight reports during the period 1979-81. These contained several recommendations regarding the special role and responsibilities of the police towards the weaker sections of the society. These inter-alia include setting of special courts in each State for cases under the Protection of Civil Rights Act, setting up of a special cell in the police department in each State to monitor the progress of investigation of the cases or other atrocities against the scheduled castes/tribes, collection of intelligence regarding the actual ground situation and identification of areas requiring special attention for protecting the scheduled castes/tribes and other weaker sections of the people from exploitation and injustice. The National Police Commission also recommended setting up of a composite cell at each district to look into a variety of complaints relating to the interests of scheduled castes/tribes or other weaker sections. Further, it recommended that State Level Committee be set up under the Chairmanship of the Minister incharge of the Social Welfare to periodically review the working of the composite cells in the districts. The first report was considered at a Conference of Chief Minister in June, 1979 and was laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on 4.2.1980. The other seven reports of the Commission were forwarded to all the State Governments and UT Administrations for consideration and appropriate action and were laid on the Table of Rajya Sabha on 28.4.1983.

Funds for Anti-Minitancy Operation in Jammu and Kashmir

1911. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received from the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir for release of more funds for the anti-militancy operations;

(b) if so, whether Government have agreed to release the required funds for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) The State Government of Jammu and Kashmir had been seeking and is receiving reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure (SRE) from Central Government in its efforts to fight against militancy. This is in addition to amounts being spent directly on Central Paramilitary Forces and Army deployment in anti-terrorist operations in J&K. Rs. 1045.31 crore was reimbursed as SRE to J&K during the period

1990—98, including Rs. 146.97 crore for elections related SRE. During the current year (1998-99), Central Government has advanced Rs. 20.00 crore as Special SRE under Action Plan for tackling miltancy in J&K. In addition Rs. 75.00 crore has also been released as advance for meeting SRE during the year. An SRE Parameters Review Committee with representatives of State and Central Government has recently reviewed the items which are admissible for reimbursement under SRE and have recommended that future releases be made accordingly.

इंदिरा गांधी अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय विमान पत्तन पर दिल्ली पुलिस और सीमा शुल्क कर्मियों द्वारा आतंक फैलाया जाना

1912. श्री ईशदत्त यादव :
प्रो० रामगोपाल यादव :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 17 सितम्बर, 1998 के "दैनिक जागरण' में "हवाई अड्डा माफिया–1" शीषक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ; और

(ग) इंदिरा गांधी विमानपत्तन पर तैनात दिल्ली पुलिस व कस्टम विभाग के कर्मियों के गैगों का आतंक से यात्रियों को बचाने के लिये सरकार क्या कदम उठाने का का विचार रखती है ?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): क) जी, हां, श्रीमान ।

(ख) चालू वर्ष के दौरान ऐसी इक्का-दुक्का घटनाएं घटी हैं जिनमें यात्रियों ने शिकायत की है कि ड्यूटी पर तैनात अधिकारियों ने उनसे धन ऐंठा है, लेकिन इन रिपोर्टों में कोई सच्चाई नहीं है कि हवाई अड्डे पर ऐसा कोई "गिरोह" सक्रिय है ।

जब कभी कोई शिकायत प्राप्त होती है तो तभी व्यक्तिगत मामलों में उचित कानूनी/विभागीय कारवाई की जाती है ।

(ग) इंदिरा गांधी हवाई अड्डे पर पुलिस उपायुक्त और सहायक पुलिस उपायुक्त द्वारा रात्रि के समय आकस्मक निरीक्ष किये जाते हैं जिसके दौरान यात्रियों को उनके सामने पेश आ रही कठिनाईयों को निसंकोच व्यक्त करन के लिये प्रोत्साहित किया जाता है । लोक शिकायतों को सुनने के लिये हवाई अड्डे पर चौबीसों घंटे सीमा शुल्क विभाग का सहायक आयुक्त स्तर का एक अधिकारी भी तैनात रहता है । इसके अलावा, जब कभी परेशान किये जाने के ऐसे मामलों की रिपोर्ट मिलती है ध्यान में लाया जाता है तो समुचित विभागीय कारवाई शुरू की जाती है ।

Scrapping of Official Secrets Act

1913. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI K. M. KHAN:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to scrap the Official Secrets Act in near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof with circumstances prompted for such move;

(c) whether such move is to ensure transparency and freedom of information in the country;

(d) whether such transparency wili include declaration of sensitive defence installations and development in the country;